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SUBJECT: U.S. - BRAZIL SHRIMP AGREEMENT

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- 1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CONTACTED ACTING HEAD OF FONOFF'S ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, SERGIO FERNANDO BATH, TO REQUEST ESTIMATE OF WHEN GOB'S RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S PRESENTATION OF OCTOBER 30 MIGHT BE EXPECTED (BRASILIA 8270). WE NOTED NEED TO FIRM-UP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR US OFFICIALS, IF RENEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE NECESSARY, AND USG CONCERN ABOUT TIMELY COMPLETION OF ANY SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.
- 2. BATH SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. SPEAKING OFF-THE-RECORD, GOB WAS LEANING TOWARD RENEGOTIATION WITHIN CONTEXT OF "GENERAL PROBLEM OF FISHING RIGHTS". US-BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT WAS ONE OF FOUR SUCH AGREEMENTS; GOB WILL TRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ESTABLISH A COMMON APPROACH TOWARD THE FOUR AGREEMENTS.

- 3. BATH ALSO SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ALREADY APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERMINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP FOR RENEGOTIATION BUT THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD NOW HAVE TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY RECENTLY ESTABLISHED INTERMINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON RESOURCES OF THE SEA/(CIRM), WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO ACT ON THE REPORT SHORTLY AFTER NEW YEAR'S.
- 4. POSITION THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY INTERMINISTERIAL COUNCIL WAS PREPARED BY FONOFF AND SUDEPE, BOTH OF WHICH. WE BELIEVE, FAVOR RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT RATHER THAN EXTENSION. EMBASSY AND DAO CONTACTS WITH NAVY OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT BRAZILIAN NAVY MIGHT BE MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD EXTENSION, EMBASSY OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED US PREFERENCE FOR EXTENSION ALONG LINES STATE 235929 WITH OFFICIAL ON NAVY MINISTER'S STAFF WHO AGREED (ON A PERSONAL BASIS) WITH ARGUMENT THAT NEGOTUATIONS MIGHT BETTER TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE OUR CONTACT SAID THAT MINISTRY HAD NOT YET ADDRESSED QUESTION OF SHRIMP AGREEMENT AND WAS AWAITING PROPOSED POSITION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. EMBASY HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FOREIGN OFFICE POSITION WILL BE REVERSED. **CRIMMINS**

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